



Ms. Diaz and Mrs. Collazo's Classroom LE7 September Newsletter

General information

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our 6th week of school! We are really pleased to see your child learning and be familiarized with the routine of the class.

For the past month, we have been giving and reinforcing lessons in Grace & Courtesy and Care of the Environment, which allow children to interact positively with adults, peers, and works. We have also introduced them to Montessori material in the Language, Math, Writing, and Cultural areas. We have witnessed and are impressed with all of their growing abilities.

Culture

2th and 3rd graders:

In Science, we are going to learn all about the composition and uses of rocks and minerals, their properties, and how to identify them. Also, we are going to be learning about landforms, comparing and contrasting geographical features. We are going to introduce the parts of the plant and students will be doing deep studies on this topic. We are going to be doing lots of experiments about plants.

For our culture, we are going to learn about the Fundamental Needs of Human beings.

Language

Writers' Workshop: We continue working on different pre-writing strategies and writing paragraphs in their writer's journal. We will be focusing on how to keep writing this month.

Spelling and Language: Each week your child will be focusing on different words and doing a variety of work around those words. Your child will be working at their level; I have 3 different levels of work within each of my grade level groups. Remember to check your child's spelling list every Monday.

SNACK: Just so that you are aware, everyday we will have snack for about 5 minutes. It is very important to send healthy snacks for your children. (Please do not send fried chips, candy, chocolate, etc....) Please make sure to send a bottle of water with the students so that they have it to drink in class each day. It is important to send a snack since our lunch is not until 1:00pm.

Math

This year we are using a new math program called Everyday Math and the program is in Spanish. We have grouped the students according to their levels and the program is running smoothly. We are very please to use such a great program that covers all the objectives from the Standard Course of Study. The program also allows us to re-teach by giving us the tools and materials to reinforce the students learning.

New Exciting Project!

Dear Parents,

We are going to start a cooking club in our classroom. Twice a month, students will learn how to prepare nutritious meals and snacks. This is a great practical life experience for them. We are going to start after intersession. You will receive a list of ingredients and cooking utensils that your child will need for the lessons. We appreciate your help with this great project.

Reminder to students

Remember to turn in your homework every morning along with notes from your parents.

Reminders to Parents

- Please make sure that your student is wearing their proper uniform attire (navy blue bottoms may be pants or shorts of an appropriate length, and red or white tops **with collars**. Girls may wear appropriate length skirts and jumpers).
- Please bring your child to school on time, they will be considered tardy after 8:30. If your child is tardy, please check them in at the office.
- In an effort to increase your child's safety during afternoon carpool, we are requiring that you provide a signed note if you wish to have your child picked up by someone who is not on your emergency contact list. If we do not have a note signed and dated by you and the adult is not on our list as having permission to pick up your child, we will not release your child to that adult.

Important Dates

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- Sep 2 : Early Release
- Sep 5: SCHOOL CLOSED
- Sep 9: Fall Pictures - Retakes
- Sep 13: TECH TIME Parent Ed. 8:30 - 10 a.m.
- Sep 14: PFA Executive meeting
- Sep 20 Parent Ed Speech & Language development in CH child
- Sep 23: Board Meeting, 6:00-8 pm, reports cards go home
- Sep 26: SCHOOL INTERSESSION I: SEP 26 - OCT 10,**
- Oct 10: Students return to school

Lexile Measures Available on Barnes & Noble.com!

Casa uses Lexile Measures with children reading at grade levels 3 and higher.

Now you can check the Lexile measure of many of the books on [Barnes & Noble.com](http://Barnes.com) to see if they are the 'right' fit for your child's reading ability. For example, if you search for one of the titles in the "Harry Potter" series, the Lexile measure of the book will appear with the publisher, publication date, age range and other data.

Plus, Barnes & Noble will add Lexile measures to thousands of new books from its own imprints. These Lexile measures will be available on [Barnes & Noble.com](http://Barnes.com) and in the [Lexile Book Database](http://LexileBookDatabase.com).

How

Barnes & Noble: First Bookseller to Adopt MetaMetrics' Lexile Framework for Reading

Educational Tool Will Help Parents Search for Books Based on Children's Reading Ability

Recognized as the most widely used reading measure, a Lexile helps young readers develop important literacy skills by selecting materials that match both their reading level and interests. The company said that later this fall, customers of Barnes & Noble stores and Barnes & Noble.com will be able to search for specific books by Lexile measure.

"Our goal is to serve our customers with all of the information they need to make the best book choices," said Steve Riggio, chief executive officer of Barnes & Noble, Inc. "By adding Lexile measures to our online and in-store book searches, we are offering parents a powerful tool that will help to take the guesswork out of selecting the 'right' books for their children that support positive, enjoyable reading experiences."

Developed by MetaMetrics, Inc., The Lexile Framework for Reading is used at the school level in all 50 states and by more than 150 publishers. A Lexile measure, which is represented by a number followed by the letter "L" (such as 850L), is a true measure of a child's reading ability that may not necessarily correlate with a grade level. The Lexile measure helps parents to select reading materials that match their child's individual needs and interests. Each year, tens of millions of Lexile measures are reported from reading assessments and programs, representing about half of U.S. students. More than 115,000 books and 80 million articles have Lexile measures, and these numbers continue to grow.

Lexile measure?

Your child may have already received a Lexile measure from a [reading assessment or program](#). If you are unsure about your child's Lexile measure, our ["Find a Book"](#)

Thank you

Thank you to all the families who have donated items to our classroom! Everything we have received so far has already been put to use toward our classroom. We cannot thank you enough for your donations! A huge thanks to Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Steward, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Schainblatt, Mrs. Stahl, and all that have come to volunteer for our class!!!

Contact Us:

We hope to meet you all very soon. If you have any further questions please feel free to e-mail both of us at:

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